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For: SEMICONDUCTOR ELEMENT AND LIQUID CRYSTAL  
DISPLAY DEVICE USING THE SAME

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

On page 1, before the heading "BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION," please insert the following heading and paragraph:

**"CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS"**

This application is a Continuation application of Application Serial No. 09/694,486, filed October 24, 2000 which was a Continuation application of Application Serial No. 09/074,314, filed May 8, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,166,786, the entire disclosure of which is hereby incorporated by reference.